Statewide Coding and Computer Science Coordinator, 05-T096

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Alaska Department of Education & Early Development is seeking applicants to fill the Statewide Coding and Computer Science Coordinator role. This position will coordinate a project to develop and improve software engineering and computer science education programs in Alaska. The incumbent will work closely with the Commissioner to promote policies and partner with programs and institutions that prepare Alaska's students for fulfilling careers in fields like coding, cybersecurity, telecommunications infrastructure engineering, and network engineering. With the advent of permanent remote work and a historic influx of broadband infrastructure spending on the way, an opportunity exists for rural Alaskans to access high-paying, technology related jobs from their home communities. This position is a first step toward capitalizing on this new and exciting frontier, and in doing so, improving the lives of Alaskans.

The successful candidate will have practical experience in computer science and coding, and an interest in education programs. This position is not a teaching position but will partner with teachers and education organizations, policy makers, and communities to create strong programs.

While this position will be located in Anchorage or Juneau, teleworking options are available statewide. Regular internal meetings are scheduled via Microsoft Teams and Zoom. The position has the opportunity for flexible scheduling and teleworking to promote work/life balance. For those choosing to work on-site, the offices are in a central location with plenty of parking, nearby restaurants, coffee shops, and grocery stores.

This is a long-term, non-permanent position in the fully exempt service. The position is a range 26, with a base salary of $3,833.25 biweekly ($99,664.50 annually). Starting salary may vary depending upon experience and qualifications.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS
A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in any field.
AND

Four years of professional experience in a software engineering, computer science, or related field.
AND

Two years of professional experience in a project management or program administrator role (which may be concurrent with the professional software engineering/computer science experience).

DESIRED SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Strong background in software engineering or computer science via hands-on coding experience, project management, or related work
- Track record of successful organizational management with a preference toward leadership experience gained in an educational setting
- Ability to work with stakeholders across Alaska, understand their needs, and build educational coalitions
- Strong interpersonal skills, including the ability to engage with stakeholders across Alaska, communicate effectively with educational leaders and legislators, and promote programs to the public
- Experience navigating bureaucracy, including locating grant opportunities, tracking relevant federal and state legislation, and crafting program policies
- Background in an educational field including teaching or working in an administrative role in an educational setting is a bonus, but is not required

HOW TO APPLY

Submit a letter of interest outlining the reasons the applicant is interested in the position, a current resume, contact information for three professional references. In the letter of interest, the applicant must also describe the following:

1) the applicant's core values and beliefs about the role of technology in modern education; and 2) what the candidate considers the greatest opportunity and greatest hurdle for stronger technology education in Alaska.

Materials must be delivered no later than 4:30 p.m. February 28, 2022 to:
       Department of Education & Early Development
       Human Resources / Statewide Coding and Computer Science Coordinator Recruitment
       P.O. Box 110500
       Juneau, AK 99811-0500

Alternatively, materials may be e-mailed to bobijo.grimes@alaska.gov by 4:30 p.m. February 28, 2022.

For more information, contact Bobi Jo Grimes, Human Resources Manager at 907-465-5536 or bobijo.grimes@alaska.gov.

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